Safety Measures after accidents is Konkan Railways

681. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways after reviewing the cause of Konkan Railway accident in which more than 50 persons were killed, have decided to take certain new safety measures;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether these measures will be taken on other railway sections also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Immediate temporary measures taken by Konkan Railway (KRCL) include (i) patrolling by locomotives in advance of the passenger trains and temporary speed restriction of 40 kmph in addition to already existing manual patrolling of vulnerable spots, (ii) provision of Audio Visual predictive warning alarm device called "Raksha Dhaga" in all deep cuttings more than 12 m in depth in tunnel approaches, (iii) provision of sand bag buffers, (iv) in rock cuttings of 15 m and above, provision of special steel boulders nets, rock bolting and shotcreting, (v) provision of lined side drain with toe protection wall or pitching along the slope.

(c) Safety measures are taken for different types of accidents and it is a continuous process.

Traffic disruption due to landslides in Konkan Railways

682. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the traffic disruption due to landslides have become frequent on the Konkan Railways as the terrain falls in the high monsoon range; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what measures are proposed to be adopted to prevent such landslides during monsoon season and make the prestigious Konkan Railway less vulnerable to such accidents?